

VT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Increasing Seat Belt Usage

The Problem

- Despite aggressive driving outreach and education on the dangers of not wearing a safety belt, many crashes involve those that are unbelted.

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The Data

- In 2006, over 50% of fatal crashes in VT involve unrestrained drivers/passengers
- Young drivers/passengers have the lowest restraint use
- A recent survey in VT indicates that over 20% of drivers/passengers are not using their safety belt

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Strategies

- Raise awareness of the importance of safety belt usage & the link to airbag effectiveness
- Enact a Standard Safety Belt Law
- Increased enforcement of traffic safety laws in VT